## Negro Players At the Garden

By Charles Darnton.

CURIOUSLY interesting phase of dramatic endeavor was revesled at the Garden Theatre last night when Mrs. Hapgood exploited her so-called colored players in three plays by Ridgeley Torrence, white poet, who has chosen a black background for his work.

This attempt to preserve to dramatte form a part of American life should be considered as important in its aspiration as the effort of Yeats, Lady Gregory and Synge to reproduce Irish peasant life. It has something in common, too, with the Wels'a "Change" and Hauptmarn's The Weavers."

Mr. Torrence has a real understanding of character, tog cher with a poetle sense that lifts the lowly to surprising heights of imagination. The Rider of Dres as te quite as lifelike in its way as some of Lady Gregory's one-ack plays. The hardworking, plour, wife who has saved \$800 in the sope of buying a home, only to find that her wool-gathering husband has drawn all her money and 'Men been robbed by a scoundre'dy "white man," is a character to In the sympathy of any audience, It is the idle, dreaming husband, however, who is of first importance. With a guitar in his possession he is happy until he finds his money has been taken from him. When this is restored he merely asks that he be permitted to dream his dreams and and sang bits of negro songs as only a darkey can sing them. Blanche Deas made the wife a simple crea-ture, and little Joseph Burt brought a

good's strange venture.

### Bach's Passion By St. Matthew Sung by Oratorio

By Sylvester Rawling.

OUIS KOEMMENICH and the Oratorio Society at Carnegie Hall last night presented Bach's The Passion According to St. Matthew." It has not been sung by the society eince 1910, when Dr. Frank Damrosch was conductor. Some of the learned and critical devotees of Bach were dissatisfied, declaring, with more or less vehemence, what they believed to be Mr. Koemmenich's failure to grasp the spirit of Bach's work and pointing out many faults in inter pretation. Well, maybe; but, for myself, the performance was one o beauty and of excellence; and th large audience, by its unequivocal expression of pleasure, evidently agreed with me.

Mr. Koemmenich has retranslated the work, but, at a superficial glance he has made no vital changes in the text. What he seems to have done is attempt to facilitate the rhythm. He has made some transpositions in the numbers; but, save for that, without cless comparison of the two books it would be difficult to distinguish Mr Remmentch's version from the old one that was sung at St. Bartholomew's Church on Tuesday night. The weakness of the performance, from my point of view, was ulso its siength. Of Mr. Koemmentch's 250 singers too many were women. The tenal balance was upset. Either Mr. Koemmentch must yet more toners Koemmenich must get more tenoand bassos, or cut down the sepranos and altos. But I do not recall when the women sang with such beauty



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make his own music. The old doctor and finish. That was a consolation worth while.

Of the individual singers almost nothing can she said save in praise. It is the few measure called for a tax of 2 per cent. Then there was Henricitie Wakefield, nothing can she said save in praise. Insubant Opal Cooper acted naturally and sang bits of negro songs as only a darkey can sing them. Blanche to make the vice and with the declaration of seven to make the collistions in lovely voice and with the declaration of seven to make the vice and with the declaration of seven to make the vice and with the declaration of the other principation was to be reducted against the 2 fixed at a simple control of the make the second to make the said save in praise. They also protested against the 2 fixed at a which the tax is to be levied. As originally drafted the measure called for a tax of 2 per cent. Then there was Henricitie Wakefield. Northless the first the said save in praise. Control of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who same well. He reinclusion was be said save in praise. Control of the Metropolitan Opera Company, who same well. He reinclusion was to said save in praise.

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"Alda" got a stunning performance "Aida" got a stunning performance at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. Dropping in late, even Mr. Gattl, with one of his characteristic and captivating smiles, admitted the fact to me. While there were a few vacant box seats, the house practically was sold out, the standing room capacity being exhausted early. The cast included Caruso, Claudia Muzio, Margarete Ober, Amari, Diday, Rossi. Margarete Ober, Amato, Didur, Rossl. Marie Sundellus and Audisio. Hosina Galli charmed anew by her dancing. Mr. Papi conducted.

### MILLS INCOME TAX BILL OPPOSED BY OFFICIALS

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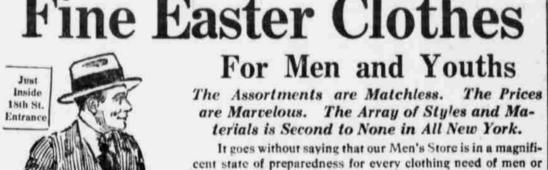
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